

Senior Club: Risk Assessment

This assessment is in addition to the risk assessment carried out by the host sports centre.

Identified Hazards	Risk Involved	Who is at Risk	Level of Risk	Precautions Taken	Additional measures necessary
Venue	Slippery (wet) Floor; unusable escape routes.	All present	Low The University check the venue before the fencing session.	Senior Club Administrator makes a further assessment of the playing area at the start of the session	Senior Club Administrator checks during the session that the fire doors do not get blocked with fencing bags.
Penetration injury	Where protective clothing fails to provide adequate protection.	Fencers	Low There has been no such injury in the last 25 years.	All club equipment is checked at an annual audit. Club guidelines recommend highest quality equipment. Members required to be vigilant on safety	Referees monitor the clothing worn during session at foil and sabre. Safety monitors appointed at all weapons to keep an eye on clothing. Where there is a risk of injury the fencer is not allowed to fence.
Penetration injury	Where a blade breaks.	Fencers	Low There has been no such injury in the last 25 years.	All club blades checked at an annual audit. Any soft blades are removed. Club guidelines recommend maraging blades for training	
Bruising	When hard hitting occurs	Fencers	Medium Hard hitting may indicate an increased risk of penetration injury	Club guidelines require reporting of hard hitting.	
Muscle/joint injury	When injury occurs as a result of exercise	Fencers	Medium The risk increases when the fencer has not sufficiently warmed up.	All sessions start with a warm-up supervised by a professional coach.	None
Injury to spectators	When a fencer injures a non-participant	Parents	Low	Spectators are segregated on benches away from the fencing pistes.	Senior Club Administrator checks during the session that supporters do not stray.
Treatment of injuries	Access to medical facilities and care.	All	Low	The University takes responsibility for immediate first-	None

				aid and for communication with the emergency services. Two members of staff are available in the building during the fencing session.	

Notes:

Safety is a standard item on the agenda for each committee meeting.

The safety procedure for checking club equipment is reviewed at regular intervals.

A report is made to the AGM of the number of accidents reported during the year.